

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

General Counsel

21 MAR 1983

OGC 83-02310

Honorable Barry Goldwater
Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 11 March 1983 forwarding the Select Committee's report on its oversight activities during the 97th Congress. The report reflects the great progress made in recent years through close cooperation between the intelligence committees of the Congress and the Intelligence Community. The efforts of the Select Committee on Intelligence under your leadership have been instrumental in producing the revitalization of the Intelligence Community currently under way.

The achievements of your Committee in oversight of intelligence activities and in authorization of appropriations, which for the most part must remain secret, have greatly assisted the Intelligence Community in improving its performance. Your Committee's legislative activities have also contributed greatly to the success of the Intelligence Community. The Intelligence Identities Protection Act of 1982 countered one of the greatest threats to American intelligence capabilities, i.e., damaging disclosures of the identities of covert agents by misguided individuals making it their business to ferret out and expose the identities of such agents. The successful efforts of the Committee to secure passage of legislation to improve DIA and NSA personnel management, to strengthen FBI authority for undercover intelligence operations, to protect the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence from violent attacks, and to enhance the administrative authorities of the Central Intelligence Agency removed obstacles to the effective conduct of the mission of the Intelligence Community. The efforts of the Committee toward securing legislation to relieve intelligence agencies from the debilitating impact of the Freedom of Information Act and to provide federal criminal code protection against violent attacks on intelligence personnel laid the groundwork for securing passage of such legislation in the 98th Congress.

We look forward to continuing the cooperative relationship which has been the hallmark of the intelligence oversight process in recent years. Please extend my compliments to Robin Cleveland of your staff, whom you mentioned as the principal author of your Committee's fine report.

Sincerely,



STAT

/s/ Stanley Sporkin

(GMC:DSA:maw)

Distribution:

Orig - Addressee

1 - OGC Signer

1 - GMC Signer

1 - DSA Signer

1 - LED File: Congressional Oversight (permanent)